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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in a German Examination Report dated July 18, 2003.

- U.S. 5,771,374 dated June 23, 1998 discloses an event driven programmer logic controller processor arrangement with buffered inputs and method of operation of the same.

- Patent Abstract of Japan Publication No. 58 178 408 discloses a programmable controller having simulating function.

- DE 694 14 392 discloses a method for maintaining a sequence of events function during failover in a redundant multiple layer system. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

DE 195 43 826.4 discloses a simulator unit for simulating a peripheral unit of a modular programmable controller. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this

time. However, attached is the cover page of WO 97/19392 which contains the English abstract which corresponds to DE 195 43 826.4.

- DE 42 15 380 discloses a synchronisation system for local clocks with automation modules. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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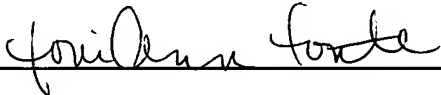
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	<u>Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. JP 58178408</u>	<u>Oct. 19, 1983</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>DE 694 14 392</u>	<u>June 17, 1999</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 195 43 826.4</u>	<u>Nov. 23, 1995</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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